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Student Peace Group Leaders Charge Trotskyite Take-Over

Former leaders of the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam say that the group has been taken over by Trotskyites.

As a result of the alleged takeover, the Fifth Avenue Peace Parade Committee, the parent organization of the student group, voted at a meeting on Thursday night at Academy Hall to evict the student organization from its headquarters at 17 East 17th Street.

The Student Mobilization Committee had been using the offices for a year.

The student group was formed in December, 1966, as a coalition of nationwide antiwar groups. It has sponsored numerous street demonstrations and conducted student strikes in April.

The rupture within the organization occurred on June 29 at a national meeting in the Hotel Diplomat. Five of the six national officers walked out, together with representatives of many organizations. They charged that the Young Socialist Alliance, a Trotskyite group, had packed the meeting.

New Group Formed

The students who walked out quickly formed a new organization called the Radical Organizing Committee.

The major ideological dispute involved a difference over the direction of the Student Mobilization Committee.

The Trotskyites wanted the organization to concentrate on mass demonstrations against the war. The other favored an organization that would involve students in opposition to many things, including racism and the draft.

According to Linda Morse, a former national officer of the

student committee and a leader in the walkout, the Trotskyites stacked the credentials committee at the convention in June and thus took over the organization.

She contended that the Trotskyites wanted the group to work exclusively on mass demonstrations.

But Kipp Dawson, a young Trotskyite leader, said that this summary of the situation was "without a semblance of truth."

Denies Students' Charges

Miss Dawson said in an interview that the "national feeling" of the student organization favored a strong concentration on mass demonstrations against the war, and she denied that the convention was stacked in any manner.

"The Radical Organizing Committee wants to dilute the antiwar effort, which we feel needs heavier pressure than ever now," Miss Dawson said.

She added that her group wanted mass demonstrations exclusively and said it favored antidraft activity. But she said that opposition to racism should not be part of the committee's work at this time.

Miss Morse denied that her group, which she said now represents most of the people and organizations in the old Student Mobilization Committee, was diluting the antiwar movements.

Miss Morse said that the eviction action by the Fifth Avenue Peace Parade Committee served to isolate the Trotskyites and made the student committee largely irrelevant.

Miss Dawson said the committee was strong and she predicted that the breach would be healed.